

TODAY'S ECONOMY CAR

FIAT

THE WEATHER

FORECAST: Scattered showers and thunderstorms in the Negev and Sinai, with flooding in low-lying places; colder than normal.

WEATHER SYNOPSIS: There is a low over the east Mediterranean, with a cold front moving eastwards.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Min-Max
Jerusalem	94	9-14	6-11
Nahariya	63	10-15	6-10
Safed	56	12-20	10-18
Haifa Port	64	10-12	8-11
Tiberias	63	14-19	12-17
Nazareth	68	14-22	10-19
Afula	74	11-19	9-16
Shomron	87	11-17	7-15
Tel Aviv	66	14-18	11-11
B-G Airport	74	9-19	8-11
Jericho	65	18-23	11-20
Qana	100	12-20	10-18
Beersheba	78	9-17	7-15
Eilat	72	14-22	11-21
Tiran Straits	27	17-24	15-22

Social and Personal

The Ambassador of Costa Rica, Rose Marie Kampnick de Murrillo, yesterday called on Histadrut secretary-general Yeruhm Meshel.

Dr. Baruch Padah, former director-general of the Health Ministry, has been appointed director of the Foriya Government Hospital in Tiberias during 1975, as well as coordinator of all the Ministry's health institutions in Galilee.

The science writers and editors from Europe and North America now visiting Israel yesterday visited the Technion and met with senior research scientists and teachers.

The Working Mothers Association invites the public to its 37th annual fair at Beit Elsheva in Jerusalem, opening on Saturday at 7 p.m. under the patronage of Labour Minister Moshe Baran. The fair will remain open on Sunday and Monday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and until 1 p.m. on Tuesday.

The Turkish Charge d'Affaires in Israel, Mr. Ahmet Asku Akyamac, will speak at today's meeting of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club, at the ZOA House, at 1 p.m.

BIRTH

HEYD — To Millie (née Cheshin) and David, on December 3, at Oxford, England, a son, Grandson to Shoshana Heyd and Avraham and Esther Cheshin; great-grandson to Betty Heydt and Alite Freiden.

McGarett's a Jew, too

A far-travelling Jewish Agency emissary has found a Jew in Hawaii — in Hawaii 5-0, in fact. The agency's San Francisco ally, Mr. Yehuda Kesten, has just told Jerusalem that on a recent trip to carry the message of aliyah 2,500 miles into the Pacific he learned that Jack Lord, who plays the Tel Aviv police series' Chief Steve McGarett, is Jewish.

Mr. Kesten said there are some 3,000 more Jews in the islands, and that he had been invited to speak to a group serving at Pearl Harbour. Some 120, most of them air force and Navy officers, turned out to hear him speak of immigration. Many, he added, asked how they might contribute their military experience to Israel once they retire.

It was not clear whether the actor was in the audience, as, according to the emissary, he keeps to himself. But Mr. Kesten said he had obtained Lord's unlisted telephone number, "and on my next visit I'll try to bring McGarett the message of aliyah to Israel."

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Winston Churchill, M.P., poses for photographers next to a portrait of his grandfather, Sir Winston Churchill, which hangs in the building housing the stateman's name at Technion City in Haifa. (IPFA)

SOLE BONEH-ROSENBAUM LINK

Histadrut leadership will let law take its course

By MARK SEGAL

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut leadership last night decided not to intervene in the problem of Solei Boneh's participation in Tibor Rosenbaum's operation, but to let the legal and comptroller apparatus complete its investigation.

The Histadrut Central Committee and the management committee of Hevrat Ovdim, the Histadrut holding company, met in joint session following the publication of a legal report by the President of the Bar Association, Yitzhak Cukik, clearing Solei Boneh manager Zvi Rechter of any breach of Israel laws in his financial dealing with the Swiss banker.

However, Mr. Cukik recommended further investigation and speedy efforts to retrieve promissory notes for \$1m. now with the bank. Mr. Cukik also posed the question whether Mr. Rechter had unwittingly been used by Rosenbaum to stave off collapse of his bank.

The Histadrut leadership decided not to recommend any course of action following Sunday's general Histadrut executive meeting, but to leave the final decision with the comptroller and the central Histadrut control commission. Histadrut Secretary General Yeruhm Meshel indicated the feelings of the meeting when he supported Histadrut organizational chief Aharon Harel, who said it would be unseemly to in-

tervene in the midst of the legal process. Mr. Meshel compared the way in which the Histadrut had immediately tackled the reports of its entanglement in Mr. Rosenbaum's operation with the slowness of the government's.

A proposal by Nathan Almogno and Sena Josephthal that Mr. Rechter take leave until the legal enquiry is concluded encountered overwhelming opposition, especially after Mr. Rechter stated that if he agreed to go on leave now it would be interpreted as an admission of his guilt. The proposal was dropped.

Mr. Rechter said that until now he had not been given a chance to present his side because the matter was sub judice. In the meantime, he said, a distorted picture had been presented by slanderous articles in the press. However, he said he was encouraged by the unanimous support given him by co-workers in Solei Boneh.

Mr. Rechter said one cannot judge the case without seeing it in the perspective of 10 years of dealing with Mr. Rosenbaum and his bank. All this time, he said, it had been an "eminently" respectable banking house.

Koor general manager Meir Amit rejected the attack on Mr. Rechter and said, "I can say in all confidence the Histadrut economic sector is the cleanest and best supervised of all economic structures in this country."

Rumania's footballers down Israel 1:0

By PAUL KOHN

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel suffered a 1:0 defeat by Rumania last night in a closely fought football match here after goalkeeper Yitzhak Visoker misjudged a corner from the left wing, and Rumanian defender Samese came through to head the ball into an empty Israel net.

The goal came 12 minutes before the end of the match at Bloomfield Stadium, which drew some 8,000 spectators.

An experimental Rumanian National Team looked best in the last quarter of hour of play. Until then Israel held its own. Had a couple of chances been snapped up by Yael Masuuri and Moshe Romano in the 40th and 50th minutes, Israel

might have been in a commanding position.

Israel failed to maintain pressure on the Rumanian defence, often sending only two forwards into the attack. Gideon Danti overdid the dribbling when a simple pass would have saved time and effort.

The defence was the best part of the home side, with Rosen, Nimni, Leventhal, Bello and Visoker (except for his single mistake) all having good games.

The game was played on a wet pitch, with a heavy slippery ball. After half an hour Rumania came close to scoring when right winger Lucescu broke away from the Israeli defence but saw his shot hit the outside of the netting. In the 40th minute Danti got in a hard shot at goal, which goalkeeper Raducanu let slip. Masuuri was on the spot but shot over from four metres out.

In the second half the Rumanians made three changes. In the 50th minute Danti again escaped the Rumanian defence, but Romano was not sharp enough to exploit his low pass. A minute later Visoker made a great save and in the 70th minute saved a point blank shot by Nunweher.

Haifa Council okays boost in Carmelit fares

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The City Council yesterday approved an increase in the Carmelit fares from 50 to 70 agrot, which will take effect as soon as notice is published officially. The Likud faction abstained.

The Likud also objected to investing another IL3m. in the Haifa Auditorium, which the Council approved. Dr. Dov Laufer argued against the additional outlay on the project he called a "white elephant," whose cost had grown from IL1m. to IL2m. in 10 years. Mayor Almog said it was the choice between a IL20m. auditorium, serving a single purpose (concerts), or a IL23m. multi-purpose one, suitable for tourist conventions.

The Council also passed an amendment to the by-law on water rates giving large families, from six persons upwards, a free quota of water in their apartments.

POULTRY BREEDERS meeting in Tel Aviv this week called on the government to raise the price of fertilized eggs, because of higher costs. They also wanted stricter controls over chick production.

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Drug flow down Jordan stopped

By YITZHAK OKED

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — An Israeli-Jordanian drug smuggling "connection" was broken by the police recently. The Jordanians floated the drugs down the Jordan River, and Israeli smugglers, disguised as fishermen, "fished" the drugs out of the River.

Israeli police have put a complete blackout on the investigation, but this is believed to be one of the biggest round-ups of drug-smugglers in Israel.

It is thought that the police, who lately have been working closely with international police agencies and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, were helped by these groups in cracking the case.

Last March the U.S. agency sent a special team here to train Israeli policemen in the latest techniques used to battle illicit drug trafficking. Since then, the police have clamped down on drug smuggling, causing prices of the hard-to-get commodity to rise steeply. (A finger of hashish that used to sell for IL10 now fetches more than IL50). The shortage has forced "importers" to improvise new ways to supply addicts.

The Israeli-Jordanian "connection" involved close cooperation between Arabs and Jews, most of whom are now being questioned by the police. One suspect's lawyer, Dror Macraem, refused to give The Jerusalem Post any information about his client, but complained the police

had deprived his client of the right to see him for three days.

The police picked up more than 300 kilos of hashish in September as well as two persons suspected of being big drug dealers. The alleged traffickers, Holon used-car dealer Yosef ("Samir") Shoshani, 60, and his son Yehuda Lavi, are being held pending trial. The hashish catch was found in a rented van parked behind Shoshani's Holon home.

The last time a large drug-smuggling ring was broken in the country was about three years ago, when the police uncovered a ring of eight persons who attempted to smuggle hashish out of the country from a factory in Ra'anana.

Histadrut to name board chairmen for its companies

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut leadership last night decided to appoint chairmen for the boards of directors of all of its companies in the face of opposition from the companies' senior personnel.

This emerged from discussion of Solei Boneh's dealings with Tibor Rosenbaum's bank, when Efraim Reiner, secretary of Hevrat Ovdim, the Histadrut holding company, announced ex-security services chief Aluf (res.) Zvi Zamir had agreed to be chairman of the board of Solei Boneh. Reiner said he intended to submit Zamir's name for final approval to the next meeting of the Hevrat Ovdim management board.

Opposition came from Amos Degani who objected to being presented with a fait accompli, arguing that a small group had imposed the move and rendered membership on the management of which he was part, fictitious. He said Zamir's fine security record and brilliant army background did not necessarily qualify him for this position.

Koor manager Meir Amit said "anyone who thinks he can solve the problems of the Histadrut economic sector by wholesale appointment of board chairmen is mistaken."

The Histadrut leaders convened in the face of growing resentment among Histadrut leaders at management procedures of the large Histadrut companies.

Arab infant disappears from hospital

By YITZHAK OKED

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TZIRIYIN. — The disappearance of a two-month-old Arab boy from the Assaf Harofeh Hospital is being investigated by Rishon Lezion police, with no clues available as yet to solve the mystery. Jamil was being treated at the hospital for dysentery when he was taken.

Three Arab men came to Ward 30, the children's ward, last Saturday and asked to see the infant. The youngest of the three identified himself as the baby's father and showed a crumpled ID card to the duty nurse, who said the child was well enough to be taken home.

On Monday, El Said el Jamal appeared at the ward, apparently the real father, and asked to see the baby. He immediately notified the authorities.

Police have been checking the homes of Arab families whose babies have been hospitalized. They say there is a possibility Jamil's disappearance may be a mistake, that he was taken instead of another baby. At the present time, the police are ruling out kidnapping because the father is not well-to-do and Jamil is his 15th child.

Builders to jail for illegal Rehovot flats

The Supreme Court yesterday upheld the fines and jail sentences imposed on three contractors for failing to heed court orders to stop building an improperly authorized block of flats in Rehovot.

The judges noted that it was the first time jail terms had been imposed for building offences, but said fines were not a deterrent. They added that the plague of illegal building was even producing official corruption — apparently a reference to the Rehovot planning board, which had issued a permit even though the building violated the town's master plan.

The fines, of IL50,000, are against the brothers Shlomo, Uri and Jamil Aziel (Aslan). They were set by Rehovot Magistrate Shlomo Kfirah, who had sentenced Jamil Aziel to nine months in jail, Shlomo Aziel to six, and Uri Aziel to a six month suspended sentence.

The building involved, put up in place of a one-story house — and having an extra illegal fifth floor — has been sold and is now occupied. The sentences had earlier been upheld by the Tel Aviv District Court.

Draft legislation currently being promoted by the Interior Ministry would enable the courts to impose fines of up to IL100,000 for illegal building, and to order the arrest of the builders in order to force them to heed court orders to stop work.

Driver dies in 4-way crash

BEERSHEBA. — Nahum Ze'ev, 65, of Rehovot, was killed yesterday when his car collided with a military pickup-truck on the Beersheba-Bet Kama road. Two other trucks slid into the wrecks and were slightly damaged. The three surviving drivers suffered minor injuries. (Nfm)

DOZENS OF ARAB students at Tel Aviv University have found subsidized accommodation in flats and hotels following the intervention of the Histadrut Arab Affairs Department.

PERES KEEPS WORD TO RIHANIYA

By YORAM KAMIZRAHI

Jerusalem Post Reporter

RIHANIYA. — The first shipment of barbed wire and fenceposts arrived yesterday in this Upper Galilee Circassian village, fulfilling a promise made by Defence Minister Shimon Peres to equip the village with all necessary security facilities.

The promise was made at the funeral Sunday of Rihaniya resident Subhi Musa, slain in his home the night before by Arab terrorists.

The head of the village council, Ismail Shukri, said yesterday that the army will put up the fence around Rihaniya, with the work being done by Circassian and Druse soldiers aided by the army engineering corps.

The army has already installed a direct telephone line to one of its command posts in the north, and Rihaniya soldiers and reservists will be equipped with weapons. Police and border police have already begun planning a security

system for the village, similar to that of nearby Jewish villages.

Yesterday evening all of Rihaniya's younger men met and decided to immediately begin guarding the village. They also elected a security committee to assist the Local Council in all security problems and contacts with the authorities. They said they would study the security situation in the neighbouring villages, and would ask only for the facilities customary there.

Meanwhile, in the country's other, and larger, Circassian village — Katr Kana, near Nazareth — the Local Council said that the army and police had promised weapons for self-defence. Mayor Fuad Susaca said he had submitted a list of men he recommends to serve as civil guards. He added that in his village, which is in the middle of Lower Galilee, there is just as much room for normal civil guard activity as in any Jewish community in the area.

Nablus engineer denies studying terror in USSR

NABLUS. — A local civil engineer, formerly employed by the municipality, yesterday denied charges in a military court case of studying terrorist techniques in the Soviet Union and belonging to the banned military arm of the Communist Party.

Prosecutor Moshe Farukas said Mohammed Ahmed Yassin, 30, in 1971 joined the Palestine National Front (the military arm of the Communist Party, banned under the Jordanian regime). In 1972 he was allegedly sent to the Soviet Union where he spent six months with 250 other students at a terrorist training institute near Moscow.

At the outset of the trial the court denied a request by defence attorney Felicia Langer to hold a pre-trial hearing on the validity of a confession allegedly made by Yassin after his arrest on July 2. She said the admission had been extracted following torture by security guards. The court indicated it would evaluate all evidence at the conclusion of the trial.

Two co-defendants, Said Mohammed Aziel and Abdul Rahman Rashid Aziel, both admitted to failing to prevent an offence. They said they had known Yassin was committing an offence at the beginning of 1974 and had done nothing to stop it. Their sentencing was postponed until the end of the trial. (Tfm)



Mohammed Ahmed Yassin (left), the Nablu civil engineer accused of attending a terrorist training institute in the Soviet Union, in the Nablu military court yesterday. With him are co-defendants Abdul Rahman Rashid Aziel (right) and Said Mohammed Aziel (right). (Segal)

School pits — missing, misused or misplaced

By AARON SEITNER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Where are the missing pits? That is one of the questions asked in a 65-page annual report by the Jerusalem Municipality's Comptroller, Yacov Shreibom.

According to the report, the Municipality in 1972 published a tender for the installation of 110 security pits in the Capital's schools. The pits are prefabricated, and below-ground, intended as receptacles for suspicious articles found on the premises.

Towards the end of last year, another 100 pits were ordered for the schools, to serve as ballot boxes in the elections (since the schools were designated as polling places).

In a spot check of 57 schools, the Comptroller found that: three schools had no pits at all; six of the pits were faulty and could not serve the intended purpose; 18 were so full of rocks or soil that nothing more could be deposited in them; and eight of the schools had their security pits in the wrong locations.

A further check showed that at some schools the officials were unaware that pits had been installed. In a few other schools, the officials knew about the pits but not the reason for their being there. The Comptroller also found the quality of the installation work generally low.

The Comptroller suggests: "Security pits are indeed necessary, if they are, then they should be installed properly, and their existence should be explained to all concerned."

In a letter to Comptroller Shreibom, Mayor Teddy Kollek notes that the report gives only a "very fragmentary picture" of the Municipality's activities. Instead of presenting a list of deficiencies, says the Mayor, the annual report should consist of two parts: The first should compare the Municipality's current overall situation with that of previous years; the second part should point out only "main shortcomings" discovered by the City Comptroller during the year.

Rain won't go away for the weekend

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BET DAGON. — It looks like a rainy weekend — with local thunderstorms and lower temperatures thrown in for good measure. But rainfall to date is still averaging 67 mm. in Jerusalem, 50 mm. in Haifa and 54 mm. in Tel Aviv. The rainiest spot yesterday appeared to be Jaffa port, where a total of 32 mm. was registered.

and Israel's coast. It was reported to be deepening early yesterday evening.

Total precipitation volumes up to 8 o'clock yesterday morning were 67 mm. in Jerusalem, 50 mm. in Haifa and 54 mm. in Tel Aviv. The rainiest spot yesterday appeared to be Jaffa port, where a total of 32 mm. was registered.

Porno smugglers fined IL1,000

TEL AVIV. — The Magistrate's Court here yesterday fined a Danish woman and a local man IL1,000 each for attempting to smuggle pornographic films into the country.

Arye Reuven, 28, of Ramat Gan, and Shlomo Erven arrived at Ben Gurion Airport on November 26. Although they said they had nothing to declare, customs officials found 118 pornographic films in their luggage. (Nfm)



Illegal taxi stand razed

By JUDY SIEGEL

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek last night agreed to obtain a building permit for a "reasonable" taxi stand made of stone near the site of an illegally built aluminum stand the municipality demolished near the Old City's Jaffa Gate yesterday. The Jerusalem Taxi Owners' Association threatened to strike all their vehicles from Friday night through Saturday, if the mayor refused to let them put up a new stand. The Jerusalem District Court ruled on Tuesday that the stand — which is the base of 40 Arab drivers — should be torn down.

About 20 policemen armed with sticks in case of violence accompanied a city bulldozer to the site at 5.30 yesterday morning. A dozen of them picked up two taxis which were parked in the way, and the bulldozer turned the four-square metre stand into a pile of wood, broken glass and aluminum. For most of the day, the drivers held a "park-in" of 19 vehicles in protest, but did not block traffic.

The mayor emphasized that the old stand was an eyesore, built five years ago without a permit, and that the drivers can continue to work because their station is licensed.

Bank staff raps Rabin remark on wage pact

The staff at the Bank of Israel yesterday protested Premier Yitzhak Rabin's comparing their recent wage agreement — legally arrived at — with "criminal activities now before the courts."

They were referring to his remark to the Jerusalem Economics Club that "more than the Israel Corporation and Israel-British Bank affairs, what bothers me is what happened at the Bank of Israel."

Saying they were pained the Prime Minister had allowed himself to be influenced by "distorted and tendentious" reports, the Bank's national staff committee announced meetings to be held in working hours today — from 10 a.m.

The employees said the agreement for 1974, was kept with the Histadrut's wage policy for that year and had been signed with the agreement of the Histadrut and its relevant unions. The agreement had no connection with the 1975 wage policy, and did not differ significantly from those agreed on for state banking and other enterprises.

Furthermore, they said, Government employees' wages had risen by a similar amount in 1974. The Government, and its head, they said, "should have looked closer to home before adopting so negative a stand."

Egged rejects inspection role for opposition

By YITZHAK OKED

TEL AVIV. — Egged spokesman Mordechai Shifman this week categorically rejected a proposal that the bus cooperative's internal inspection committee be elected from the membership's opposition faction.

The recommendation was part of a report from the Controller of Road Transport Yacov Malka to Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi. The Controller also recommended that Hevrat Ovdim, the Histadrut holding company, investigate Egged's senior appointments.

The Controller launched the inquiry following an investigation of Egged by several members, resulting in the transfer of the head of the Tel Aviv Central Bus Station. Two members and three employees were found to have falsified work records and misused funds. The two members were fined IL15,000 each, two of the workers fired, and the third fined.

The cooperative defended the practice of bringing members before a "court of honour" rather than calling in the police and said that senior appointments were based on qualifications alone.

LIGHTS STILL ON IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV. — Lights are still on inside most Tel Aviv shops after dark despite the regulations, effective last Sunday, requiring them to be dark each night after 9 p.m. Most stores have their neon signs turned on as well.

A Merchants' Association spokesman said that most store owners lacked information on the "blackout" and didn't know when the regulation took effect.

Moshe Ferik, who heads the association, said there are several objections to the regulations which he intends to discuss with the Ministry of Commerce. He said that keeping the store interiors dark make them a potential target for burglars and saboteurs. He added, however, that the signs could be turned off easily.

DAMAGE estimated at tens of thousands of pounds was caused by a fire which broke out yesterday at an upholstery shop belonging to Adolf Solomon at 6 Rehov Ha-meshor in the Florentine quarter of Tel Aviv. An investigation indicated the blaze was caused by a lighted cigarette carelessly discarded by an employee.

Meanwhile, Shimon Grilius, who served five years in a Soviet labour camp, arrived on Tuesday night in Israel. He was held in the same Ural Mountains camp where Mark Dimshitz, Wolf Zahmanson and Yosef Mendelowitz, the Leningrad trial prisoners, are being held. He reported that they are all ill but are denied medical assistance.

In addition, Ganei Shlomit, which has 450 beds, plus sanatorium facilities, will be opened in a few months, the speakers said.

apprehended. Mrs. Gendin, who teaches English in a Holon high school, emigrated with her family in 1972, hoping her husband would soon follow them to Israel.

Arlebi demanded. They wanted

tares came as an additional blow to the higher prices paid in places like Ma'alot and Yeruham for many goods and services, and the security dangers to which they were exposed.

WASHINGTON. — Morris J. Amity, who for the past 12 years has worked in the State Department as well as in both Houses of Congress,

For more than 20 years Alpac has lobbied in Washington with a view to maintaining and improving friendship and good will between the U.S. and Israel." I.H. Kamen, who helped to organize Alpac in 1954

None the less, the court expressed its displeasure that the city had waited until the matter came to the courts to stop what in fact had been inert activity. The court ordered the municipality to pay court costs of IL\$3,000 and the employees association to pay costs of IL\$2,000.

He has cabled the Unesco International Council to urge it to protest strongly against the organization's "politically-motivated decision." Dance companies throughout the world are also being asked to stop cooperating with Unesco.



The Giant Prize Campaign to mark Vita's 35th Anniversary QUEEN FOR A DAY

Rachel Artzi, young Netanya housewife – first winter 1974 queen

Rachel Artzi of 26/1 Dityur LeVieh, Netanya, was excited: "This happened just at the right time... what a wonderful surprise... now we'll be able to get lots of things," she said. And, in fact, her big win "fell" on her and her husband, Nathan, just at the right time.

During a day of shopping and entertainment in Tel Aviv, the Queen gave her wardrobe a new look. Among other things, she chose a fashionable coat at Iwanir, full-length leather boots at Azouri, and a ring at Topaz. Her husband who accompanied her chose a leather coat at Iwanir. For the house, they selected a fine wall clock. The "Princess" (their small daughter, Mia) didn't accompany them — she is only 10 months old. She did gain some gifts, however — a selection of toys.

The couple finished their "royal" day with a festive meal. The series of photographs the couple received will serve them as a memento for a long time to come.



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Hurry! The next draw is on December 15

Egypt makes Dutch F.M. delay visit

CAIRO. — Egypt has asked Dutch Foreign Minister Max van der Stoep to postpone a scheduled visit to Cairo because of his country's opposition to the UN resolution "endorsing Palestinian statehood." Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy told Parliament on Tuesday.

And yesterday, Parliament's Foreign Relations Committee criticized British Prime Minister Harold Wilson for defending the Balfour Declaration. Wilson had rejected a demand by Arabs who hijacked a British Airways plane to Tunis that he repudiate the declaration.

"The Balfour Declaration which the British Prime Minister volunteered to defend was an historical fault not only because it betrayed the basic rights of the Palestinian people, but also because it planted the seeds of struggle and violence in the Holy Land," the committee said.

Fahmy also said Jews are "controlling U.S. news media."



French philosopher Jean Paul Sartre, on his way to visit German terrorist Andreas Baader, shows his passport to the guard at the main gate of the Stammheim Prison yesterday. At centre is Baader's advocate Klaus Croissant. Sartre said he wanted to hear Baader's views. (AP radiophoto)

Prison hunger strikers become martyrs of German leftists

By LESLIE COLITT

BERLIN (Otns). — PRISON DOCTORS in Berlin and in West Germany are force-feeding some 40 urban revolutionaries who have been on hunger strike for eight weeks and who seem prepared to fast to death.

Earlier this month one hunger-striker, Holger Meins, died of starvation while protesting against the prisoners' alleged solitary confinement. His death is being linked with the subsequent "revenge murder" of West Berlin's senior judge and has brought about the most serious clashes in years between young German leftists and police.

Fitted battles between the two sides in the streets of West Berlin, Frankfurt and other West German cities are unavoidable if there are further fatalities among the anarchist prisoners. The most prominent of the hunger strikers are Ulrike Meinhof, standing trial here for attempted murder, and Andreas Baader, awaiting trial on similar charges in a Hesse prison. Both struck fear into West Germans when they led a group of urban guerrillas called the Red Army Faction until capture in 1972.

Meinhof, 39-year-old mother of two, is now a wasted shadow of her former self despite daily infu-

sions of food through a nasal tube. It was she who called the hunger strike on September 13 in an impassioned courtroom speech against what she termed "isolation torture" by legal and prison authorities of herself and her fellow inmates. As "political prisoners," she said, they were kept from all contact with other inmates and locked in special prison wings where they were isolated physically and acoustically from everything outside their cells. Justice officials here have repeatedly denied that West Germany has political prisoners, saying that they had all been sentenced for or charged with criminal acts. Some officials, though, have conceded that varying degrees of solitary confinement existed, defending the measures on grounds that the prisoners were regarded as highly likely to escape.

It is the "freeing" from custody in 1970 of Andreas Baader that makes up the prosecution's current case against Ulrike Meinhof. Both also face a major trial in Stuttgart next spring on a series of robbery, arson and murder charges that make it appear that their band of urban guerrillas was a criminal organization.

Meinhof and the others refuse to stop their hunger-strike until the

authorities end the alleged isolation. Charges and counter-charges have been hurled between both sides in a highly-refined ideological atmosphere that leaves most Germans at a loss to understand either party. The murder of the West Berlin judge and screaming headlines in the popular press, however, have swung the public into a backlash mood.

On the left, young Germans are electrified by the present cause of the urban revolutionaries, just as they were appalled by their previous actions outside jail.

"Holger Meins, the people will revenge you," the Maoist-inclined Communist Party of Germany-Marxist-Leninist scrawls on city buildings. "Down with isolation and prison destruction," says the equally far-left Communist League of West Germany.

Nearly all the militant left-wing organizations that condemned the urban guerrillas under Baader and Meinhof have now closed ranks behind them. For the moment at least the disintegration of the militant Left has been arrested as its members are bound together in their pursuit of a just cause and in that secret search for their own identity as Germans.

Eban says he met twice with Hussein

NEW YORK. — Former Foreign Minister Abba Eban said he twice met secretly with Jordan's King Hussein in 1967, according to a report from the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. The agency said Eban's remarks were made before some 2,000 persons at a lecture in New York on Monday night.

But yesterday Eban denied he had identified himself as the emissary who met twice with Hussein. "What I did was simply confirm Prime Minister Rabin's statement that at an early stage the Israeli govern-

ment sent an emissary to speak with King Hussein. I confirmed Rabin's statement in response to a question, but at no time did I say that I was that emissary."

Asked if he indeed were the man who met with the Jordanian monarch, Eban said "I have no comment on that."

At Monday's lecture Eban said Israel had discussions with Jordan after the Six Day War but Amman had always demanded the complete return of all territory, including East Jerusalem. (UPI, JTA)

Japan's future prime minister promises political reform

TOKYO (AP). — Takeo Miki, 67, Japan's next Prime Minister, yesterday promised reform of the faction-ridden ruling Liberal-Democratic party.

Scheduled to be elected Monday at a special session of the Diet as successor to Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka, Miki said he will bare his personal financial records, a move unusual in Japanese politics. Tanaka announced Nov. 26 he was resigning because of public doubts over the origins of his large private fortune.

The American-educated Miki, regarded as one of the leading progressives of the party, held a news conference less than two hours after the party had unanimously chosen him for its new President and in consequence, the future government chief. The Liberal-Democratic hold comfortable majorities in both houses of the Diet.

"Political ethics, moves to curb inflation and the achievement of social justice, especially for the less privileged masses in Japanese society, are the biggest tasks of the new Cabinet and we will mobilize our power to achieve them," Miki said.

Long an exponent of party reform, Miki said he would concentrate on ways to achieve open elections of party presidents and

broader based financial support for its members. Party elections in the past have been marked by profligate spending in battles to win votes. Big business customarily pours immense amounts of money into the dozen or so factions within the party.

Party vice-president Etsusaburo Shima avoided a savage showdown fight for the premiership between the leading contenders, Takeo Furukawa, 69, and Finance Minister Masayoshi Ohira, 64, by unilaterally naming Miki, the fourth most powerful member of the party, as a compromise choice. Miki said he has asked Shima to continue as vice-president.

Miki said because he was not the subject of a factional struggle, he will be free to invoke the reforms he wishes.

A main cause of public dissatisfaction was the seeming inability of Tanaka, 56, to cope with mounting problems of inflation and financial instability. Disclosures by a respected magazine, the "Bungei Shunju," of the extent and suspect sources of Tanaka's private wealth brought about a further drop in his prestige.

In an apparent effort to alter this situation, Miki said, "I am most aware of public opinion, the expression of the hearts and feelings of the Japanese people. We must not shut ourselves up in the shell of the Liberal-Democratic Party, but open it to all."



Takeo Miki

Barbie's return to France is delayed again

LIA PAZ (UPI). — France's three-year struggle to extradite Bolivian business man Klaus Altmann to face justice for war crimes committed as a young Nazi Gestapo commander named Klaus Barbie appears to have suffered another delay.

At 12 members of the Bolivian Supreme Court presented their resignations last week at the request of President Hugo Banzer. New justices are to be appointed by the military government this week. A spokesman said the case of Altmann-Barbie is before the court and should be resolved "in the next session." French prosecutors had hoped to have the ex-Nazi in their power by the end of this year. In view of the change in court makeup, mid-1975 would seem more probable.

Altmann first denied and then admitted that under the name of Barbie he commanded the Nazi secret service squadrons in Lyons, France, during World War II.

Beate Kiasfeld, who has hunted former Nazis all over the world, discovered Altmann at the same time in 1971. France, lacking an extradition treaty with Bolivia, sought his extradition under treaties governing war criminals.

World Bank to loan \$120m. to Egypt

WASHINGTON (AP). — The World Bank announced yesterday it has approved a \$120m. loan for the rehabilitation of the Suez Canal.

The bank and its affiliate, the International Development Association (IDA), announced at the same time they are providing \$70m. for agriculture, industry and transport in Egypt.

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The French Interior Minister, Michel Pomalowski, gets a lesson in eating with his fingers from his Algerian counterpart, Ahmed Medghal, yesterday, as they dug into a roasted lamb during Pomalowski's visit to Algeria. (AP radiophoto)

Italians not bothered by labour strike

ROME (UPI). — Labour unions called out almost three-quarters of Italy's workers in a nationwide strike yesterday to demand job guarantees, higher cost-of-living allowances and bigger pensions.

The strike, staged by three of the country's four major unions, took an estimated 13 million of the 18 million Italian workers off the job for periods ranging from a symbolic few minutes to 24 hours.

With utility, transport, postal, hospital, school, communications and broadcast employees among those striking only briefly, Italians suffered little if any inconvenience.

In the Communist-run northern city of Bologna, a crowd of 200,000 gathered for a rally. There were similar regional rallies in Turin, home of the giant Fiat Motor Works, and Naples.

The union leaders said the strike, called before Premier Aldo Moro outlined the programme of his new government to Parliament on Monday, was not intended as an act of hostility toward his austerity programme.

Kuwait purchase in Mercedes said 'pure investment'

FRANKFURT (AP). — Kuwait's purchase of shares in Germany's giant Daimler-Benz corporation was a "pure capital investment" and would not give the oil-rich sheikhdom a ruling hand in the company, the middle man for the sale reaffirmed this week.

A spokesman for Dresdner bank, which handled the sale, also said he did not know why Kuwait had initially wanted to keep its part of the transaction a secret.

Juergen Ponto, the spokesman, gave few details of the sale at a press conference called by the bank. The exact price Kuwait will pay for the Daimler-Benz shares is still not known but sources have estimated it at up to \$400m.

The secrecy surrounding the sale has evoked some criticism in government circles and the bank conference may have been an attempt to forestall further anxieties.

Ponto stressed that Kuwait was getting shares and not power of mandate in the board of directors of Daimler-Benz, which produces Mercedes cars, trucks and buses.

Costa Rica under heavy pressure to expel Vesco

WASHINGTON (AP). — Efforts to expel fugitive American financier Robert L. Vesco from his haven in Costa Rica are expected to reach a climax within the next few days.

Costa Rican President Daniel Oduber has promised an answer before the week to a petition from 216 prominent Costa Ricans demanding Vesco's ouster and warning of his "vast and dangerous influence over certain political figures and parties." A presidential source indicated the answer might come today.

The petition's signers include two of the highest-ranking officials in the previous administration — which gave Vesco his residence permit — plus President Oduber's own Vice President. A U.S. State Department official said on Tuesday that "it would be very hard" for Oduber to give a flat no.

Vesco, who was scheduled to argue his case on Costa Rican TV last night, is under indictment in the U.S. on charges stemming from a \$200,000 campaign contribution to former President Richard Nixon. It is alleged that Vesco was trying to cover up investigation of charges that he and his associates looted a mutual-fund complex of \$224m. in cash.

The Costa Rican petition, noting that the \$224m. represents "our national budget for one year," claims Vesco has used his riches to buy up vast amounts of land, take over newspapers and radio and television stations, and dominate a large number of local business enterprises.

The U.S. has twice failed to extradite Vesco, once from the Bahamas and once from Costa Rica. On Tuesday three men were briefly held in San Jose, Costa Rica's capital, for taking part in a peaceful but unauthorized anti-Vesco demonstration. The demonstration was part of Costa Rica's anti-Vesco movement, which has also been paying for radio and TV spots urging Costa Ricans to join it. One of those spots calls on Vesco to subsidize Costa Rican peasants and farmers if he is not expelled.

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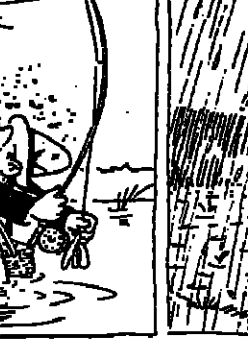
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GOOD FOR TREATING BURNS
PORT ELIZABETH (AP).—Richard Welfton, a 30-year-old microbiologist at the University, has reported the discovery of a bacterium which produces an enzyme new to science and useful for treatment of third degree burns and other connective tissue disorders. The enzyme is called hyaluronidase.

The Pasteur Institute in Paris is to produce the enzyme and to distribute it worldwide, Welfton said.

The similar enzyme is used in certain types of arthritis and studies may lead to a further knowledge of this crippling disease, Welfton added.

The scientist is to transfer in January to Monash University in Melbourne where he will do further research in connection with enzymes implicated in arthritis.

Jackson amendment tangle

CONFLICTING views on the part of some of Israel's staunchest supporters in the U.S. threaten the Jackson Amendment on Emigration from the Soviet Union, which so many Russian Jews see as their lifeline to freedom.

After months of delicate and stubborn negotiations, Senator Henry Jackson and other key Senators who supported him were able to reach what they considered an acceptable arrangement on that amendment. The essence of that arrangement was an understanding with the Soviets on the dimensions of yearly emigration and an end to harassment of applicants for emigration.

However, even as these negotiations were pursued, it became apparent that the American Labour Movement, led by the veteran George Meany, was opposed to the trade bill to which the amendment was attached. For U.S. Labour fears that this bill, which would ease the way for Russian imports to the U.S., would also undercut American goods and increase unemployment, which has in any case already reached seven per cent.

As a result Mr. Jackson, whose ties with Labour and Mr. Meany have always been close, suddenly found himself facing a chill and uncomfortable wind. Emigration depends upon his

Amendment, which U.S. Labour also supports in principle. But as Mr. Meany sees it, the interests of American workers demand defeat of the trade bill.

And since in any Presidential contest Mr. Jackson would want to retain Labour's support, and Mr. Meany for his part would probably want to be able to supply it, these two erstwhile allies have got themselves into a tangle.

Meanwhile the Administration, for its own foreign policy reasons, is pressing hard to assure passage of the trade bill and with it the Amendment. It is part of the U.S. prescription for détente. But no less important, the Administration has consistently assured the Soviets that the bill would be passed. The first assurances, made in Mr. Nixon's day, even dismissed the Jackson effort as a threat to the bill. When that proved to be a mistake, the Administration was assured that an understanding on the Jackson Amendment would certainly pave the way for the bill. Therefore failure to deliver now would surely embarrass the Administration in its dealings with the Kremlin.

The fate of Russian Jewry is caught in this complex clash of differing interests and purposes even as in the Soviet Union itself the harassment continues without let up.

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A grand national coalition

AL HAMSHMAR (Mapam) claims that a distorted impression has been created to the effect that the President, contrary to his constitutional authority, had been striving for the establishment of a broader-based government. In this connection, it charges "certain political circles, i.e., the rightists and an ad hoc alliance between the Independent Liberals and the National Religious Party" with misusing the President's name and with political manoeuvring. "Their attempts to conscript the President in their cause," says the paper, "run counter to the democratic nature of the Israeli regime."

HATZOFE (National Religious), on the other hand, insists that the President "is not bound to dance to the tune of party secretaries," and welcomes what it terms "his frankly expressed view that present circumstances call for a grand national coalition." Moreover, "secular circles opposed to national unity are attempting to charge the President with deviating from the terms of reference of his office,

when exactly the contrary is true. It is Professor Katzir's duty to heed the wishes of the citizenry, and also, when necessary, to employ his fullest influence to bring about changes in the regime, especially now that quite a large number of Knesset factions have in fact demanded it."

HA'ARETZ (Independent) finds the Americans will not support Israel on every count. "Even though we have by no means been sold down the river, we can expect some serious differences. Basically, the U.S. would like to see progress in negotiations with all the Arab states, while as far as we are concerned, such a possibility exists only with regard to Egypt."

OMER (Histadrut) calls on the U.S. to rectify former President Nixon's error in promising Egypt a nuclear reactor. "If the Russians are now doing so, it is up to the Americans to supply similar equipment to Israel."

DAVAR (Histadrut) notes that there is no guarantee that the reactor will not be used for military purposes, thus introducing to the Middle East the threat of a home-grown nuclear arms race. "Yet even if Arab war threats are backed by a nuclear potential, Israel will possess the necessary deterrent."

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ALTYA is generally regarded as essential to Israel's survival, and veteran Israelis are full of hope as the floodgates of Russian immigration promise to open. At the same time, however, there is uncertainty, even anxiety, as to how these newcomers can be absorbed with the minimum of shock on both sides.

If Israel is to cope with twice the number of Russian immigrants she has received in recent years, and at a time when the economy is burdened as never before, then the new settlers will not be able to enjoy all the economic benefits and privileges that were showered on their predecessors in the last decade.

The evaluation and the stringent economic measures accompanying it are an indication of Israel's new stage economy which may last for quite a few years. Future immigrants will have to adapt to face a harsher reality than did their relatives who got out of Russia in recent years.

Even in the past, in spite of the extreme importance attached to aliyah and the high initial hopes of the Russian newcomers, he often experienced bitterness and disappointment soon after his arrival. Often, while the Israeli old-timer saw the newcomer as being showered with an abundance of "good things," the recipient of this cornucopia complained that the promises made to him when he left the Soviet Union were turning out to be exaggerated.

It is doubtful whether most of the very real disappointments being experienced by Russian immigrants stem purely from the economic conditions in Israel. More likely, they are a result of the unrealistic expectations of the olim before coming here. This, and the ensuing disappointment, could have been avoided if all had received clearer and more reliable information about what they should expect in Israel.

Carried away

Most aliyah officials, especially those working outside Israel, seem to get so carried away by their cause that they remain mute about flaws which exist in Israeli society and about the special difficulties of life here, some of which are inevitable. In their eagerness to promote aliyah, they often gave their potential olim the idea that housing, a car, employment, all sorts of necessities and luxuries would be theirs for the asking. Once the immigrant reached here, and that some of the "prizes" were, at times, out of his immediate reach.

Once in Israel some immigrants

The villa and the Volvo

Appealing for potential immigrants to be told the truth, writer Dan Bawly claims that newcomers from both East and West are caught on a hook baited with unrealistic promises.



Immigrants at a "Purushet" play out a charade showing how Russians arrive in Israel demanding a "Volvo."

found that Israel's bureaucrats show little sympathy, that they have an exaggerated interest in their own well-being, and that not necessarily the best brains are drawn to work in the absorption department. Some learn, however, that by applying a little pressure, by hanging on a little while longer, they can get what they want at the right moment, they can sometimes gain privileges which they have been explicitly told are denied them. And so another layer is added to the legend of the newcomer who became someone what better but also the proud possessor of a villa and a Volvo.

But it is surely not the prospect of the villa and the Volvo that draws most Russian Jews to Israel. Even if the material attractions are reduced drastically, these will still be greater than they were a generation or two ago, and the Russians will keep coming, just as they did then. And if the olim are clear as to their own motives, if they know just what to expect, if they have a realistic picture of Israel and of how Israel is, they will settle down and make a better social and economic adjustment than

the newcomer who sees Israel through a rosy mist of concessions and privileges.

Successful absorption depends on how thoroughly the immigrant is prepared for his almost inevitable preliminary trials and tribulations. If he is clear about the pitfalls of aliyah, he is less likely to be dissatisfied with his surroundings. If the public servants with whom he has to deal are experienced and friendly, if his new neighbours make him feel at home, if he feels comfortable in his place of work, friction will be reduced to the minimum.

IMMIGRATION FROM the West has its own problems, above and beyond those mentioned. Here, too, it is essential to stress to the potential immigrant that, in the near future, Israel is likely to face heavy pressures from within and without. As a result, he will have to give up many luxuries which he regarded as essentials back home for a period of at least several years.

Most immigrants from the West fully expect to lower their standards of living and, indeed, regard

this as a logical and desirable concomitant of fulfilling their Zionist beliefs. But today's immigrant is in for a shock which he would not have suffered a few years ago: he is going to discover, to his disillusionment, that although the opportunities may be limited, the means of exploiting them are devious but almost unlimited.

Mighty officialdom

It is all a matter of knowing one's way around. One, having been brought up on the Puritan work ethic, with little or no experience of bureaucracy suddenly finds that he must learn to deal with a twofold officialdom: to clear his personal effects through customs, to qualify for help with housing, to get a job, to get his children into the right school.

He soon learns that Israeli bureaucrats have a low boiling point and limited reserves of goodwill: for one thing, most of them have never enjoyed the privileges which it is their job to grant the newcomer.

If the immigrant from the West

is adaptable he learns to adjust to economic hardships and other aspects of life in Israel. He may be able to do all this without batting an eyelid, but then comes the day when he makes a far more disquieting discovery — he is asked to, and learns, that he will also be tempted to compromise his financial integrity.

For instance, Israel used to be acknowledged as the country with the highest rate of direct taxation but also with a tax-paying morale comparable with that of the U.S., Britain and other highly-developed countries. Today, however, there is general cynicism about tax-paying ethics. Tax evasion has become the norm.

What happens when a new immigrant from the West starts work, let us say in some essential industry? He is paid a relatively low salary but the head of the personnel department tells him not to worry: the plant will also allow him car expenses and (here the head of the personnel department winks expressively) no one will mind if he pads his travel accounts; oh, yes, he will also be paid 125 per cent or 150 per cent for overtime; and then there is a clothing allowance and an allowance for professional literature and all sorts of other, under-the-counter benefits designed to reduce his tax load.

The idealistic new immigrant was ready to lower his standards of living in order to be part of the Jewish State. But this "brave new world" is a shock for an immigrant from the West, reared on a more fastidious brand of moral behaviour in his relations with the state.

At a time when so many difficulties lie ahead and when such great hopes exist for aliyah, priority should be given to reformulating Israel's social and economic framework to ensure that all sectors of the economy pull their weight. If Israel can offer the new immigrant a straightforward relationship with the establishment, he will feel at home here. If he is caught with a hook baited with unrealistic privileges, the immigrant is likely to have an unsatisfactory relationship with his new country and fail the challenge of aliyah.

Even if the old-timers have made some of the compromises to conditions that trouble newcomers, they should not go so far as to cause disillusionment among their children. Many of the young men and women who have just finished their army service have learnt to accept the situation as it is. Many prospective immigrants will refuse to make these compromises, and may even go so far as to refuse to come to Israel at all.

READERS' LETTERS

'It's still not too late to talk'

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I refer to Mr. Shmuel Rosoff's Viewpoint (November 26).

As a former construction man I am disappointed in the House architect's design for the house of Israel because it lacks one crucial element — a solid foundation. Our house will never stand on a foundation of unilateral concession, appeasement, or ignorance of facts.

True, Mr. Rosoff, "it is still not too late to talk" — but to whom are you speaking? Who, besides your own people, has been talking about peace since 1947? It is Israel that has called out to all the peoples and governments of our region to sit down and talk about every problem since even before the first shots of our War of Independence. Has any Arab leader ever publicly stated that they are ready to sit down and talk with the Jews about mutual coexistence with equal rights for all? We have always been prepared to express our respect for the Arab nations by signing comprehensive peace treaties, but where is the reciprocation? Where are the Arab leaders when we want to talk?

Mr. Rosoff is absolutely wrong when he states that our Government, after the Six-Day War, spoke only "vaguely about our desire for peace." Besides the almost daily pleas by our leaders and representatives for peaceful dialogue and an end to war, the Knesset, on August 1, 1967, endorsed a basic definition of Israel's position in regard to its neighbours:

1. "Direct negotiations between the parties.
2. Establishment of agreed boundaries.

daries assuring peace and security for all.

3. Agreement on measures for the reduction and control of the waste-fall arms race in the Middle East.

4. Recognition and protection of universal interests in unified Jerusalem.

5. Development of a regional plan ensuring equitable distribution of natural resources, regional communications, free access to sea ports, and the rehabilitation and resettlement of Arab refugees."

The problem, Mr. Rosoff, is not that Israel does not want to talk, but quite to the contrary, nobody wants to listen or talk with us. If the Arab nations would have heeded our call to direct negotiations, especially after the Six-Day War, then we could have discussed everything, including the question of the Arabs referred to as Palestinians.

LARRY RICH
Degania, November 26.

Sir, — Congratulations to Mr. Shmuel Rosoff for his Viewpoint of November 25. "It is still not too late to talk." Let's be realistic — emotions will bring us only unending war.

U.K. UNGER
Haifa, November 25.

mistake, because we failed to indoctrinate the world public as well as the Israeli public that the conquered lands are ours. Our timidity at that time was understandable, however, since it was "still not too late to talk." Our conciliatory attitude was met by a refusal. The Arabs have already shown that they "do not agree to peaceful coexistence," so we must agree with Mr. Rosoff that "we really have no alternative" to fighting.

AARON BLUMENFELD
Ramat Hasharon, November 25.

Sir, — In Shmuel Rosoff's Viewpoint, "It is still not too late to talk," his analogy between our situation vis-a-vis the PLO and the British position with regard to the Mau Mau in Kenya is close to an insult and a dangerous one into the bargain. It was also made by Mr. Moggs of the London "Times" and implies that we are like the British in Kenya — colonialists, imperialists, etc. Kenyatta did not threaten the existence of Britain and the British nation, whereas the PLO is threatening Israel's very existence and the whole national future of the Jewish people.

JEHAYA ALBERT
Jerusalem, November 25.

BAD EXAMPLE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I read with great astonishment your report of November 26, "It's not too late to talk" (Nov. 26). I'm sure like for Bank of Israel workers.

I was under the impression that the Government had asked for a wage freeze, no cost-of-living allowance payment, a general tightening of the belt, etc. Is this valid only for ordinary salaried workers like me? Are the Bank of Israel workers, who were never in the category of underpaid workers, exempted from this general tightening of the belt? Why should we scrimp and save if we get such a bad example from higher salaried people?

Under these circumstances, I, for one, will not give up my right to the cost-of-living allowance payable in January, which in any case, is only compensation for the price rise during the last six months.

MRS. S. DALLMANN
Haifa, November 26.

The shape of things to come

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — May I make a few predictions of things to come? Prior to the Vladivostok meeting of Brezhnev and Ford, there were light-hearted denials of any intention by the Western powers to assure their oil supply lines militarily. Since then, a U.S. aircraft carrier force has entered Persian Gulf waters, there was a planted story according to which Treasury Secretary Simon avers that certain nations, under economic pressure because of the high price of oil, might be forced into military action (it was also in The Post). Now we hear even on Kol Yisrael that the U.S. at just might take strong action, and interference by the Russians is ruled out because "the Russians are realistic and understand where the vital interests of others lie as well as their own." It is the agreement of the Russians not to create a situation which would lead to World War III was obtained at Vladivostok, and that if the

HIGH ABSORPTION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — On Thursday evening, November 21, at Enel Brith headquarters in Tel Aviv, the Association of Russian Jews in Israel together with the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel sponsored a concert by a trio of highly talented Russian artists.

This was absorption in its highest form. The audience, composed of immigrants from many diverse countries, spent a few hours under the spell of the universal language of music.

I hope that the two aforementioned organizations will see fit to repeat this most inspiring evening and that better publicity will again bring together a larger audience of new and old immigrants for another evening of profound pleasure.

YEHUDIT BREEN
Tel Aviv, November 24.

CIA chief: We have the right to bug the world

WASHINGTON (UPI). — Director of the intelligence result, the risk of exposure, the impact of exposure, the cost.

"But there will be situations where some of the world where a well-conceived, low-risk operation is necessary to get some information which could be terribly important to us."

Colby summed up his assessment of tension areas around the world. "The Soviets are developing new missile systems that will increase their strategic power considerably. But we do not see that in the foreseeable future they can dominate us. We have both reached the point where we can destroy each other, and the rest of the world — and they know it."

The Soviets face problems in East European countries which show signs of dissatisfaction over iron-fisted control from Moscow. Cuban Premier Fidel Castro's attempts to export his brand of Communist insurgency to other countries of Latin America "didn't work." But the Soviets still ran Cuba as "a very substantial gothic asset," although a very costly one.

"Another round of war between a friendly or neutral country Israel and the Arabs is possible — was determined by the importance quite possible."

NOTICE TO RAILWAY TRAVELLERS

A NEW PASSENGER FARES TABLE GOES INTO EFFECT ON ISRAEL RAILWAYS ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1974

Full details are available at all railway stations. The fares for the main passenger routes are given below:

	One Way (IL)	Return (IL)
Jerusalem/Tel Aviv	6.50	12.50
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Haifa/Beerseba	16.40	30.00
Haifa/Dimona	18.00	33.00
Haifa/Veolia-Ty	18.00	33.00

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Jerusalem/Haifa IL.20
Tel Aviv/Haifa IL.10
Tel Aviv/Beerseba IL.70
Car parking fee for 24 hours or part thereof:
In Tel Aviv IL.60
In Haifa IL.70

Parking fee for the disabled:
In Tel Aviv — IL.05; In Haifa — IL.05

Monthly parking fee:
In Tel Aviv — IL.30; In Haifa — IL.05

Multiple-journey tickets (11 journeys):
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